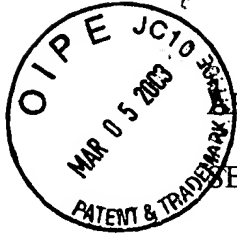


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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action from Examiner John B. Walsh mailed on November 27, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Two versions of a Substitute Specification are attached, one final and one reflecting the changes made. While the specification has been revised, no new matter has been added.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please make the following amendments to the claims. A marked up version of the claims is attached in Appendix A.

Please cancel claims 26-28 and 43-46.